



For ages
**Birth
to 2**

The Bookworm



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Playing with Words

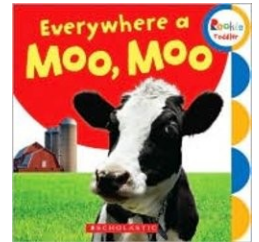
Children love to play, and when they play with words and the smaller sounds in words, they are developing an early literacy skill called phonological awareness. Recognizing when words rhyme and hearing the beginning sounds of words are things that help kids learn to read later on.

Here's what you can do at home:

- Sing songs with your child every day. Songs break words into syllables and are a fun way to learn about word sounds. In most songs, each syllable in a word gets a different note.
- Say nursery rhymes so that your child hears words that rhyme. Emphasize the rhyming words. "Twinkle, twinkle, little star, How I wonder what you are."
- Add actions, such as clapping or bouncing, as you sing a song or say a poem.
- Help your child learn the sounds animals make.
- Make up your own nonsense rhymes and silly songs.
- Catch your child's attention by repeating the sounds he likes to say. Then change the first letter to make a new silly word: *Baa-baa* becomes *la-la*.
- Talk with your child throughout the day.
- Read and re-read stories your child enjoys.
- Say rhymes and sing songs in the language most comfortable for you.

Book of the Month

Everywhere a Moo Moo, a Scholastic Sing-a-long Toddler book



This book features a shortened version of the classic Old MacDonald song that will have your little ones clapping their hands and singing along! A parent note with suggested activities at the end of the book extends the learning fun.

Other books in this series to look for:



More Sing-Along Books

Rosemary Wells: *Itsy Bitsy Spider*; *Bingo*; *Old MacDonald*; *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star* 

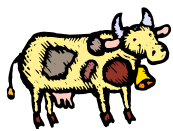
Motown Baby Love series, by Charles R. Smith: *Sugar Pie Honey Bunch*, *The Way You Do the Things You Do*, and more

Annie Kubler: *Five Little Ducks*, *If You're Happy and You Know It*, *Ten Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed*, and more

Teddy Bear Sing Along series, by David Ellwand: *Row, Row, Row Your Boat*; *Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes*; *Jingle Bells*; and more




Raffi Songs to Read series: *Wheels on the Bus*, *Down by the Bay*, *Five Little Ducks*, and more



More fun with *Everywhere a Moo Moo*

Sing-along, baby... Sing the song again, using just one sound such as "ba" or "ma." The more that you repeat the sounds your baby is making, the more sounds your baby will make. Try other songs, too!

Move and groove... Give your toddler a wooden spoon and a pot lid or box. Sing the song again, helping him or her tap one beat for each syllable.  Old—Mac—Don—ald—had—a—farm. Try other songs, too!

Tech tip... If you have access to a computer you can find websites with nursery rhymes, as well as tunes and activities to go along with them. Here are a few of our favorites:

Denver Public Library's podcasts of nursery rhymes & other stories: <http://podcast.denverlibrary.org/>

Mother Goose Club- Rhymes, songs, videos, and activities: www.mothergooseclub.com

KIDiddles- words and tunes to lots of favorite children's songs: www.kididdles.com/lyrics

Nursery Rhymes

Nursery rhymes are a simple and easy way to help your child build rhyming skills. Research suggests that children who know lots of nursery rhymes before they begin school tend to find more success with learning to read. You can find books of nursery rhymes at your local library.

Hey diddle, diddle

The cat and the fiddle,

The cow jumped over the moon.

The little dog laughed

To see such a sport.

And the dish ran away with the spoon.



Song to Sing with Your Child

Barnyard Song

(to the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It")

If you're a chicken and you know it say,
"cluck cluck."

If you're a chicken and you know it say,
"cluck cluck."

If you're a chicken and you know it,
then you really ought to show it.

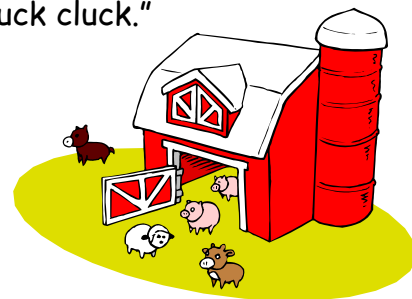
If you're a chicken and you know it say,
"cluck cluck."

Repeat with:

Pig: "oink, oink"

Cow: "moo, moo"

Sheep: "baa, baa"



What your library can do for you...

Don't have access to a computer? Most libraries do not require a library card in order to use the computers. Some even offer free computer classes.

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